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Mr. Fintastic Raises Money for Cystic Fibrosis

Contestants strut their stuff and show off hidden talents

By Kristine Belizaire
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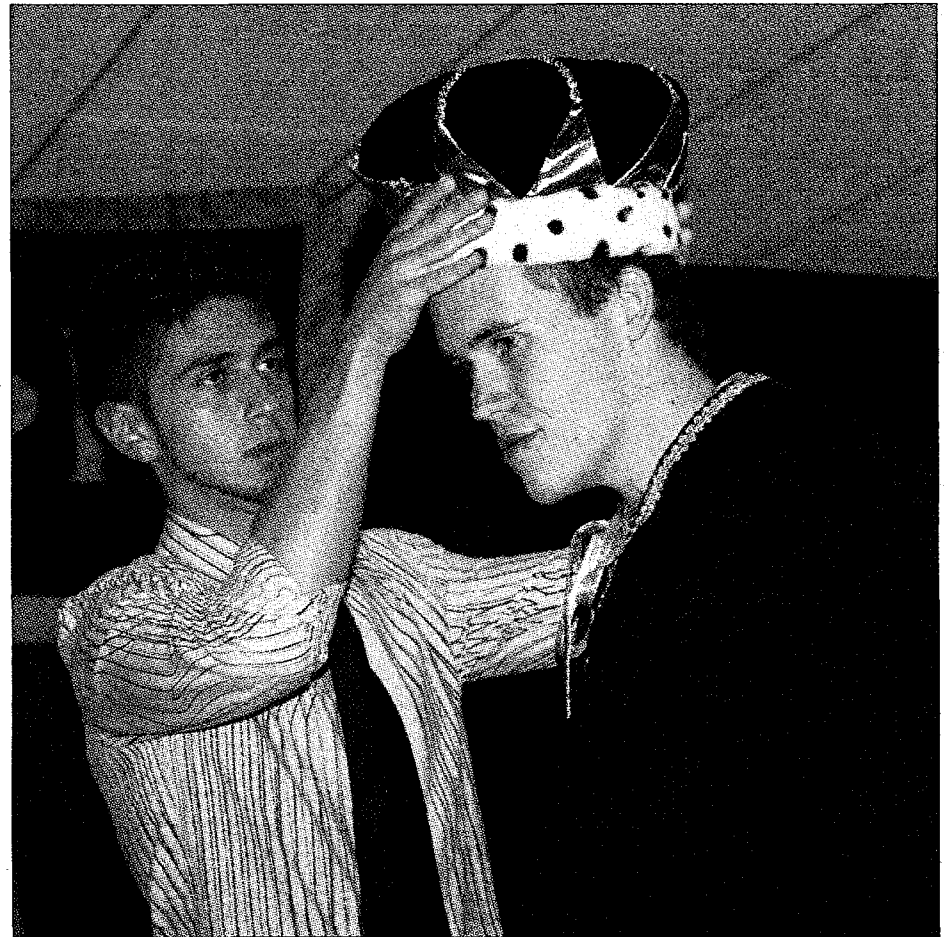
On Sept. 15 in the new Flight Deck, the 11th annual male beauty pageant Mr. Fintastic, formally known as Mr. Nova Knight, was an event to remember, complete with laughter, screams and crazy dance moves.

Mr. Fintastic is put on by the women of Delta Phi Epsilon in order to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. "Cystic Fibrosis is one of our national philanthropies and we've been doing the event for 11 years," said marine biology major and member of Delta Phi Epsilon Victoria Schaferkotten. "Every year we try to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation."

The contestants who participated in the event were: Kevin Chester, Tim Coenraad, Kevin Johnson, Tony Trajceski and Josh Wood, all NSU basketball players; Casey Hanks, Kappa Sigma member; Mic Mentz, the Razor the Shark mascot and Kappa Sigma Member; Alex Chamberlain, Beta Beta Pi member; and Adam Nardelli, Area Director for the Goodwin Residence Hall.

The male pageant was divided into three portions. The first was modeling, where the contestants made the crowd go wild as they modeled in their underwear and swimming gear. A talent portion was next, in which contestants read poetry, sang, twirled batons, drew portraits, and impersonated Napoleon Dynamite. The last was a question and answer session, where contestants were asked questions like "what superhero would you be" and "what you would do if you had to spend a day with a child diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis."

In order to vote for their favorite contestants, members of the audience put dollar bills in baskets with the names of the contestants. After counting the cash in the baskets, the top three contestants were Hanks, Chamberlain and Wood, who then went into the crowd to coax the audience into giving more money. In the end, Hanks was crowned Mr. Fintastic. "I'm glad to have my brothers stand beside me," said Hanks, "and I'm glad that we could do this for a good cause."



Photos by MIKE PALOZZOLA

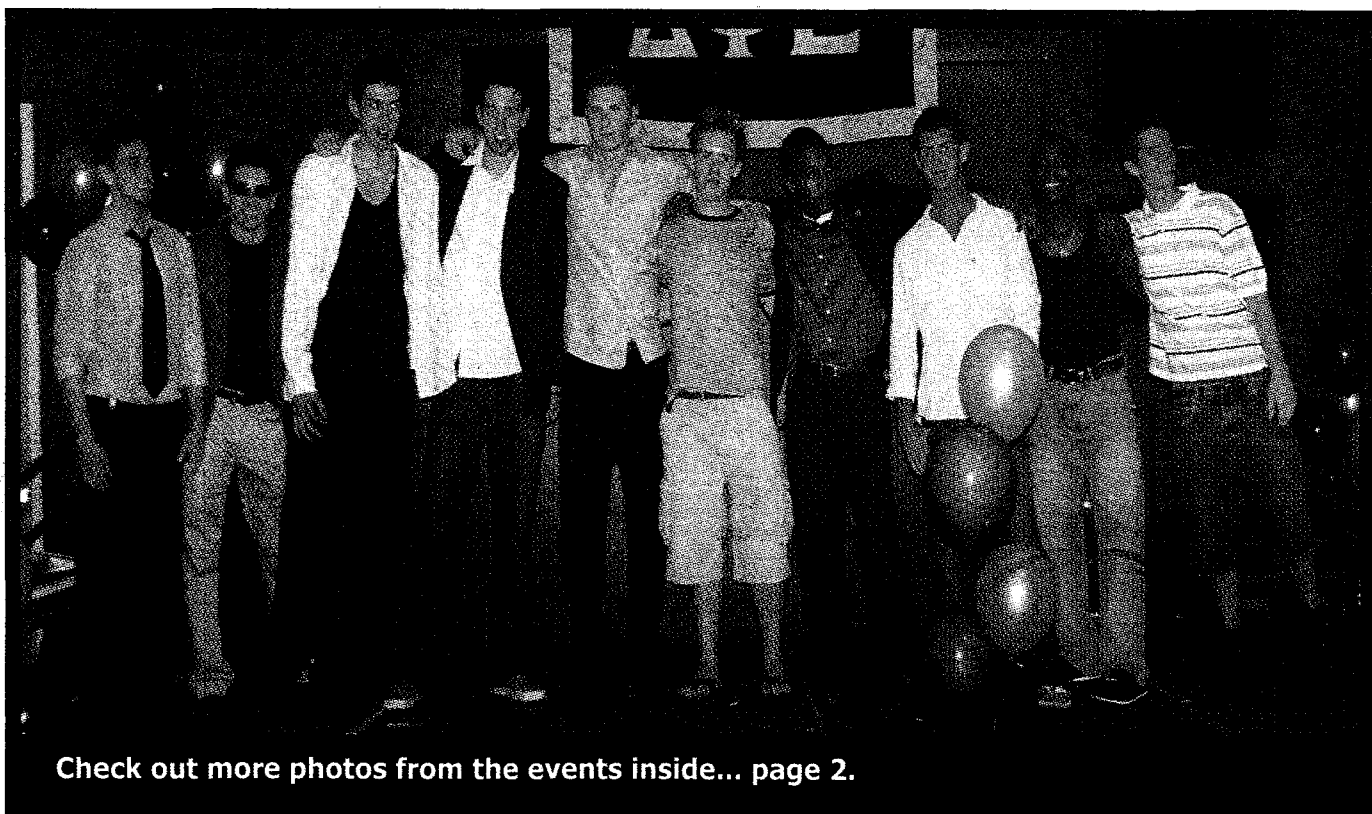
ABOVE: And NSU 2006 Mr. Fintastic is... Casey Hanks (r.). Following the audience's pick for their favorite contestant, Hanks was among the top three, his other rivals being Alex Chamberlain and Josh Woods. Each of the rivals was given a chance to coax the audience into digging deeper into their pockets. In the end, Hanks successfully raised the most money and was crowned by Nick Rovisa (l.).

BELOW: The men of the evening.

Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that affects 30,000 young children and teenagers. Nationally, Delta Phi Epsilon has raised over \$1 million for the CFF. Because of their efforts, Delta Phi Epsilon has had a research grant named after them.

Delta Phi Epsilon raised over

\$730 dollars this for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the event. "I think it was a great event and it's just a preview of what is to come during Greek Week," said Sports Management Major and Kappa Sigma member, Alex Mitrani.



Check out more photos from the events inside... page 2.

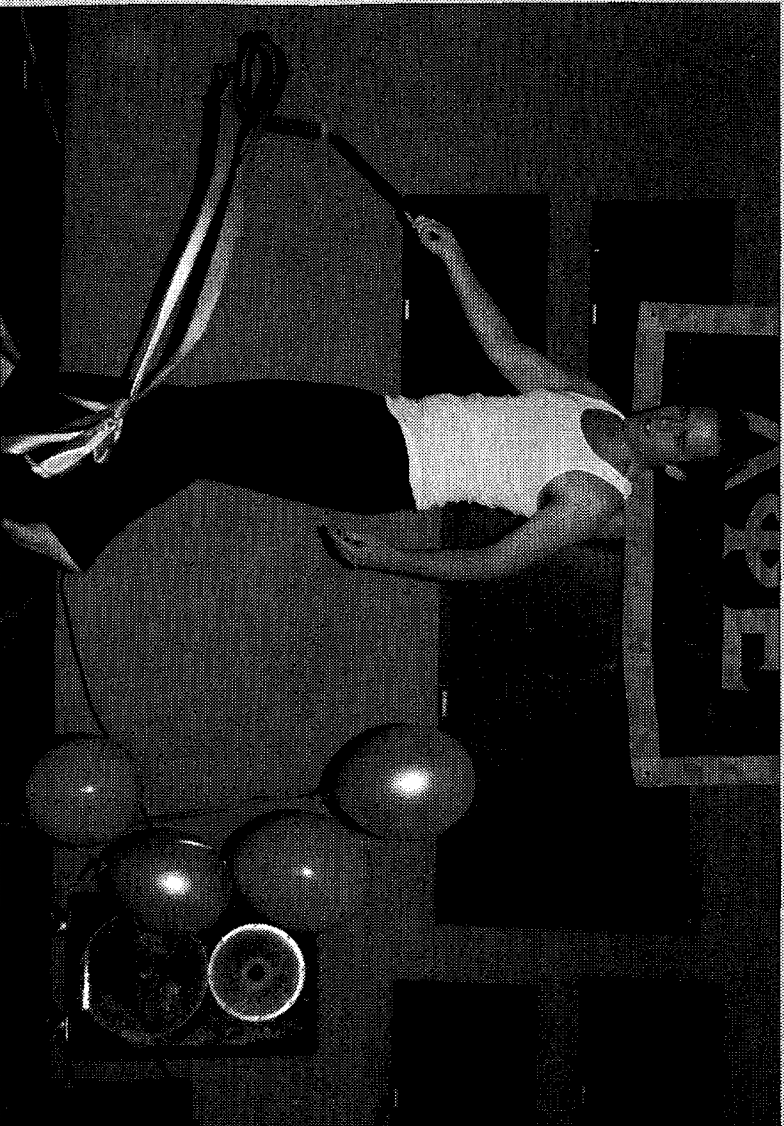
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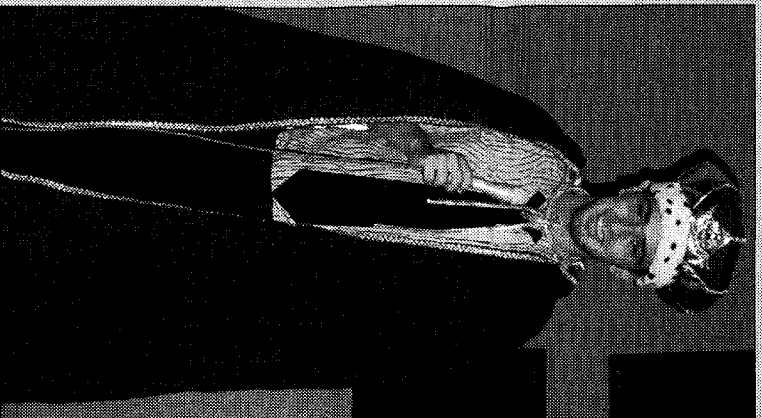
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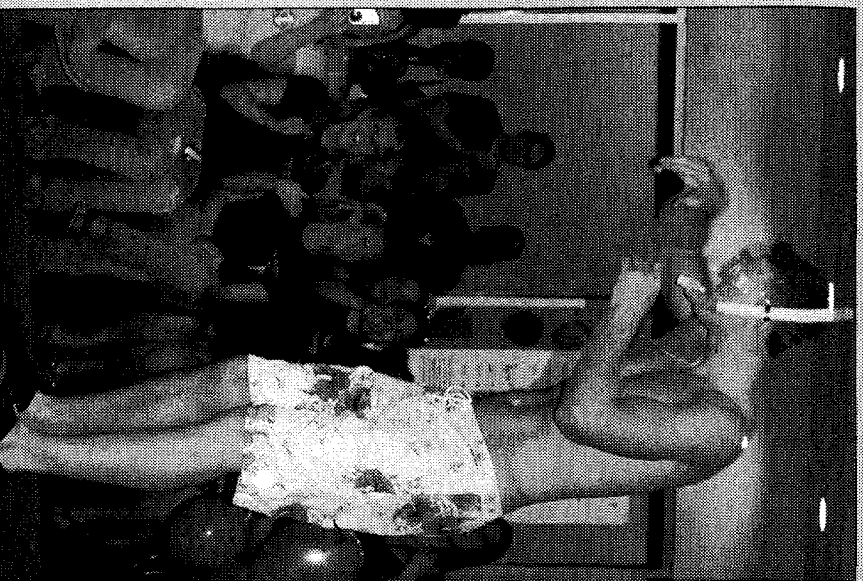
Kappa Sigma Member, Casey Hanks, demonstrates how to "ribbon" dance.



Razor the Shark just lacked the "fins."



ABOVE LEFT: Nick Rovisa gets a taste of royalty. CENTER: Kevin Chester experiences a little rhythm and soul. RIGHT: DPhiE members cheer on the contestants. BOTTOM LEFT: Male participant show his taste for the aquatic life. BELOW: The ladies of Delta Phi Epsilon with crowned Mr. Fantastic, Casey Hanks.



Ground Zero Workers Continue to Feel Effects of Cleanup

Lung problems plague many who aided in recovery

By Greg Kyriakakis
Nation & World Editor

With the recent passing of the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, on top of the emotional effects resonating within the nation, some are still experiencing respiratory ailments. A recent study found that seven in 10 workers aiding in the recovery efforts at the World Trade Center following the attacks had breathing problems for over two years, with many becoming chronically ill.

The Associated Press reported that the Mount Sinai Medical Center study found that those exhibiting the "World Trade Center cough" were exposed to "a higher concentration of asbestos, pulverized concrete, mercury and toxins." Of responders, 61 that had no symptoms before their duty developed problems while working at the World Trade Center site.

Lung function tests found that the rate of abnormalities was double that of the general population and "persisted for months and in some cases years after the exposure." The study's co-author declared that this is "conclusive proof" that cleanup efforts have caused "long-term respiratory problems."

As reported by The Star-Ledger, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton said at a news conference unveiling the results of the study that "up until now, there has been a reluctance on the part of the government to link the exposures between Ground Zero and the health effects... The air wasn't safe to breathe and there wasn't adequate protection on the pile (of debris)."

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg contended that "I don't believe that you can say specifically a particular problem came from this particular event," as he announced the creation of a \$16 million World Trade Center clinic to open in January



Photo courtesy NASA

The cloud of toxic dust rises above New York following the Sept. 11 attacks.

at Bellevue Hospital.

"This was an extremely toxic dust. It had the pH of Drano," said Philip J. Landrigan, chairman of Mount Sinai's Department of Community and Preventive Medicine. He said that exposure to pollutants in the dust could lead to certain forms of cancer.

Following the attacks, former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman declared that Manhattan's air was safe, but held that the quality at ground

zero was not the same. On Sept. 13, a group of New Jersey and New York Democrats asked for an investigation that could result in criminal charges against the EPA and Whitman for "endangering the lives of thousands of people." Whitman told the Associated Press she has always contended "the air on the WTC site was not clean" and was "emphatic that workers needed to wear respirators," a message she "repeated frequently."

Leaked Recording Sparks Rioting in Hungary

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

Protestors rioted in Hungary on Sept. 19 after a recording was leaked to the public which featured a clip of the prime minister describing the disastrous state of the country's economy.

According to the Associated Press, Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany said, "I almost died when for a year and a half we had to pretend we were governing. Instead we lied morning, evening and night." He made false statements about the state of the economy in order to win his election.

Thousands marched through the streets demanding to be broadcast on national television to voice their complaints. Police officers attempted to control the crowds by launching tear gas and using water cannons, which injured about fifty rioters. The crowd responded by burning several automobiles near the television station.

Gyurcsany has also fallen prey to much criticism from the center-right opposition who claim that Hungary's budget is about ready to collapse and

that prime minister has hidden the truth from his people in order to win reelection.

The opposition parties are calling for his resignation, and President Laszlo Solyom has urged Gyurcsany to publicly acknowledge his error and apologize for his deception. Gyurcsany, however, tried to place the blame on the entire Hungarian political elite, in hopes of turning the focus away from his own government, and has stated that he has no intention of leaving his position.

From the Editors of E/The
Environmental Magazine

EARTH TALK

Dear EarthTalk: How can I reduce the amount of paper bills that arrive at my home?

— Bill C., via e-mail

Fortunately for the world's dwindling forests, a growing number of financial institutions, utilities and universities are implementing paperless billing options that not only save paper, but time and money, too.

Students at hundreds of educational institutions across North America are already receiving and paying their tuition bills online, avoiding the hassle of receiving paper bills and paying by mail, while also saving their schools hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in paper, postage and administrative costs.

Forward-thinking companies already offering their customers similar options include Bank of America, BellSouth, Citibank, Qwest, South Carolina Electric & Gas, Southern California Edison, T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless, Wells Fargo and Washington Mutual, among many others.

BellSouth offers "e-bills" that you can print out any time but don't have to. With the click of a mouse you can view your bill, access details and billing history, and make secure payments. You can pre-schedule so that each monthly bill gets paid on time, or set it up so that funds are remitted only when you authorize it. Southern California Edison's Online Billing and Payment service involves the same routine, with no paper exchange needed between company and consumer, and no need to print out your bills. Both companies send e-mail notices to let you know each time a new bill has been rendered.

At least two companies, PayTrust and XPress Bill Pay, will coordinate the receipt of *all* of your bills and present them to you online so you can pay any and all routinely from your desktop, even with different bank accounts, and using credit or debit cards or electronic funds transfer. The company lauds this service as one step removed (and paper saved) from "bill pay" services that still require you to "watch your mailbox, collect your bills on the kitchen table and remember to make a payment."

"Electronic bill presentment and payment via the Internet is one of the fastest-growing areas in business," says Nick Rini, a columnist for *Telephony*, a trade magazine for communications service providers. "With more than 63 billion checks written annually where 80 percent is some sort of bill payment—either business-to-business or consumer-to-business—substantial cash-management benefits and customer-service opportunities exist for those who use interactive billing and payment," he adds.

One advantage of paperless

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Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

Unwitting Mayor's Office Featured in Raunchy Film

Told that filmmakers wanted to use his office for an upcoming movie scene, Gallatin, Tenn. Mayor Don Wright happily agreed. Wright later discovered that the movie would be titled "Thong Girl 3." Reuters quoted Wright as claiming to have "no idea what the movie was about," since he was told it was the tale of a female superhero that featured no nudity or offensive content. The mayor cited a recent surge of local films, which as he claimed are "good for business," as part of his decision for letting the crew use his office. Though the film's content may be questionable, Gallatin residents have not voiced strong concerns.

AT&T Robs the Unknowing Elderly

Back in the 1960s, Ester Strogon, now 82 years-old, rented a rotary phone from AT&T since the technology was too expensive to own at the time. Unfortunately for the Canton, Ohio, widow, she continued leasing the phone until two years ago, paying \$29.10 a month for the antiquated technology. An Associated Press report said that Strogon's "outraged" family calculated the woman has paid over \$14,000 in monthly phone rental charges. Though customers had the option of opting out of rentals in 1985, nationwide today about 750,000 still make monthly payments. Telephones, including cordless models, can be purchased for under \$35 from popular retailers such as Best Buy.

MySpace Photo Leads to Murder Plot

When Heather Michelle Kane saw a photo of another woman on her boyfriend's MySpace page, she chose to have her killed rather than confront her significant other. Kane was arrested for conspiracy to commit murder while at a grocery store by an undercover officer after she gave him \$400 to have the unidentified woman killed, according to the Associated Press. Once the woman was dead, preferably by a "shot in the head," Kane would pay another \$100 and receive a souvenir photo of the woman's corpse. It is not known if Kane's boyfriend and the girl were romantically involved.

Painted Elephant Outraged City Officials

British "guerrilla artist" Banksy, known for his social commentary pranks including the recent defiling of Paris Hilton's new CD, has struck again, this time painting a live elephant. As part of an exhibition in California, BBC News reported that Banksy decorated the creature, named Tai, "in pink and gold paint" as it was "placed in a mocked-up house to represent how world poverty is widely ignored." Though the dye used was non-toxic, Los Angeles animal welfare employees worried that "abusing" animals would be viewed as an acceptable art form. Tai's owner said that the elephant, which has appeared in movies, is "used to make-up" and did not suffer during the stunt. Banksy was unavailable for comment.

Police Arrest Suspects in Cross-Dressing Bank Robbery

By Michael Bergbauer
Current-Affairs Editor

Suspects Rashad Joseph, Esli Joseph (no relation) and Jimmy Reny Fernetus were arrested Sept. 18 for robbing the Bright Star Credit Union on Hollywood Blvd.

Wearing a wig and a dress, Rashad Joseph entered the bank with his masked accomplice Esli Joseph and robbed it, ordering employees and customers inside the vault at gunpoint, for more than \$140,000 which they stuffed into a customer's purse.

Meanwhile, their wheelman Fernetus fled the scene after seeing a police officer responding to the bank's silent alarm before the robbery was finished. Confronted by the officer, the Josephs dropped the money and fled. According to a witness and the officer, a shot was fired but no one

was injured. They were arrested a few blocks away from the scene.

Fernetus attempted to get away ramming several cars. At the intersection at U.S. 441 and Hollywood Blvd, he rammed into a beige Toyota Camry and was subsequently arrested when his vehicle, a GMC Yukon SUV, jumped a curb and stopped at a gas station on the northwest corner of the intersection.

On Sept. 19, a judge denied them bond and the Josephs are faced with several charges, including armed robbery. Fernetus was also charged with grand theft auto, possession of marijuana, and obstruction without violence.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

Asia

New species found in New Guinea

According to MSNBC, conservationists announced on Sept. 18 that "dozens of fish, shrimp and coral species, including two new types of shark that walks on its fins" were discovered in the waters near New Guinea in the South Pacific. Researchers have uncovered what they describe as "Earth's richest seascape" with "the most biodiverse marine area on the planet." The area is endangered by industrial pollution from the nearby Papua province controlled by Indonesia. "Fishing with dynamite and cyanide, commercial fishing and degraded water quality from mining and logging" threaten the ecosystem. Expedition Leader Mark Erdmann, a researcher with Conservation International said "these Papuan reefs are literally 'species factories' that require special attention to protect them from unsustainable fisheries and other threats." The researchers' announcement outlined a 45 million acre area where the new species were found: they have identified 1,200 species of fish and 600 species of reef-building coral, "more than four times the number of coral species of the entire Caribbean Sea," claimed Erdmann. The two new species of epaulette shark distinguished by the round spots on their heads that look like the "shoulder ornaments on military uniforms" and the ability to "scamper away" with its fins on the ocean floor were discovered in the area.

For more information, visit www.msnbc.com.

North America

Car makers sued over global warming in California

A Reuters report on Sept. 20 stated that California "sued six of the world's largest automakers, including General Motors Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp., over global warming, charging that greenhouse gases from their vehicles have caused billions of dollars in damages." Attorney General Bill Lockyer said that this lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court of Northern California, "was the first of its kind to seek to hold manufacturers liable for the damages caused by their vehicle's emissions." The lawsuit states that California has spent millions dealing with "reduced snow pack, beach erosion, ozone pollution, and the impact on endangered animals and fish." The director of the Sierra Club's Global Warming Program, Dan Becker, said that California's new law to cut emissions by 25 percent was a good start and that the lawsuit against car makers is "a good next step" in dealing with pollution. California has sought to sue car makers over greenhouse gases previously, but lawsuits from the auto industry have delayed the process. The newest lawsuit against automakers also includes Chrysler Motors Corp., Honda Motor Co., and Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.

For more information, visit www.today.reuters.com.

Antarctica

Hole in ozone layer over frozen continent nears record

The World Meteorological Organization announced on Friday, Sept. 22 that the hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica overshadowed last year's measurements and is close to breaking the record set in 2000 of about 11 million square miles. Geir Braathen, the UN's weather agency's top ozone expert, told Reuters "ozone depletion had a late onset in this year's southern hemisphere winter, when low temperature normally trigger chemical reactions that break down the atmospheric layer that filters dangerous solar radiation." He added that although the depletion began late, it occurred "quite rapidly." Due to regulations and bans, the use of ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, has decreased worldwide, but Braathen said there are still amounts of chlorine and bromine in the atmosphere that will continue to eat away at Antarctica's ozone layer in the future. The WMO and the UN Environmental Program told reporters last August that ozone layers "would likely return to pre-1980 levels by 2049 over Europe, North America, Asia, Australia, Latin America and Africa." Ozone recovery over Antarctica is expected to occur in 2065.

For more information, visit www.today.reuters.com.

Europe

German magnetic train crashes, killing 23

About 23 people were found dead and another 10 injured after a magnetic train in Germany collided with a maintenance vehicle during a high-speed test run, authorities told AP reporters. The Transrapid magnetically elevated train, said to be one of the world's fastest trains, crashed into the truck with its two-man maintenance crew at a speed of at least 120 mph. A police spokesman said that the passengers "were acquaintances of Transrapid workers and employees of utility group RWE." Local media, ZDF, said "the impact of the crash made the bodies difficult to identify." IABG, the train's operating authority, claimed that no evidence was found of technical error and that the crash is believed to be the result of human error. According to Reuters, television reports showed that the immense impact scattered debris almost 300 yards from the track without an explosion. The track is situated five yards above ground and police say this has made rescue efforts difficult.

For more information, visit www.cnn.com.

Spinach Spreads E. Coli Outbreak

By Shenita Ann McLean
Staff Writer

One death was blamed for the recent E. coli outbreak connected to fresh packaged spinach. Sixty people were hospitalized as 146 cases were reported in the U.S. According to The Associated Press, and the lethal outbreak has affected 23 states.

The Food and Drug Administration warned Americans to stay away from fresh packaged spinach and any product that contains it due to the contamination. Grocery stores nationwide ripped bags of the product from shelves and trashed any items that containing the spinach.

It took the FDA two days to narrow down the trace of contaminated spinach to California. According to the Buffalo News, the acclaimed "Salad Bowl to the World" started plowing their spinach crops under and laid off workers as government inspectors observed fields and packing houses Sept. 19 for the source of the outbreak.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "the spinach may have been contaminated in the field or during processing." Fingers were being pointed at Earthbound Farm's Organic Spinach who claims it pioneered the retail market in pre-washed, bagged

spinach salads in 1968, and said that their spinach is in 74 percent of U.S. grocery stores.

Channelcinncinatti.com reported that a Buffalo, NY, family is filing a lawsuit against Chiquita Brands International after their teenage daughter contracted E. coli following consumption of a bag of the company's Fresh Express spinach.

Marina Zecvic of West Angeles said that as she served creamed spinach the night that the news broke out, her sons started accusing her of premeditated murder.

The FDA is continuing their investigation and want consumers to stay away from the leafy green until they know exactly where the E. coli is coming from and can rid the spinach of the dangerous virus.

Spinach was a \$325 million industry in the United States in 2005, and California produced 74 percent of the nation's crop and 67 percent of the spinach that gets frozen or canned. The Salinas Valley accounts for roughly three-quarters of the state's share which is why many believe that their profits will take the biggest cut.

Desperate Mother Nabs Newborn from Home

Parents and child reunited after four day search

By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

Abigale Lynn Woods was reunited with her parents on Sept. 19 after a four day separation. The infant was kidnapped on Sept. 19 from her Lonedell, MO, home by Shannon Torrez.

Torrez claimed to have full-term miscarriage on the day that the infant was taken, according to MissouriNet. She lived a few blocks from the house and learned about the newborn through a "Welcome Home" sign hanging in the yard. She entered the house that day, attacked Abigale's mother Stephanie Ochsenbine, slashed her throat with a knife and then abducted the baby.

Torrez' sister-in-law became suspicious with the infant after she noticed that the baby's forehead was covered with makeup. The sister-in-law discovered the red birthmark, however, and turned Torrez into the police because she knew that this was the baby that had been kidnapped a few days earlier.

Torrez was arrested and taken into police custody on Wednesday where she was held on a one million dollar bond. According to the Associated Press, Torrez plead not guilty to charges of kidnapping, first-degree assault and two counts of criminal action. If convicted she could face life in prison.

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billing, says Rini, is that companies can get paid faster than when they must print, fold, stuff, meter, sort and mail paper bills. Rini estimates that, in the U.S. alone, companies could save \$200 million collectively each day if they switched to paperless billing.

"The obvious cost savings come from decreasing, and eventually eliminating,

printing and mailing expenses," says Rini, adding that companies usually pay between 75 cents and \$2.00 for each document generated and mailed. Meanwhile, the same companies end up paying another \$1.25 for each paper check payment they must process, most if not all of which could be eliminated through online bill payment.

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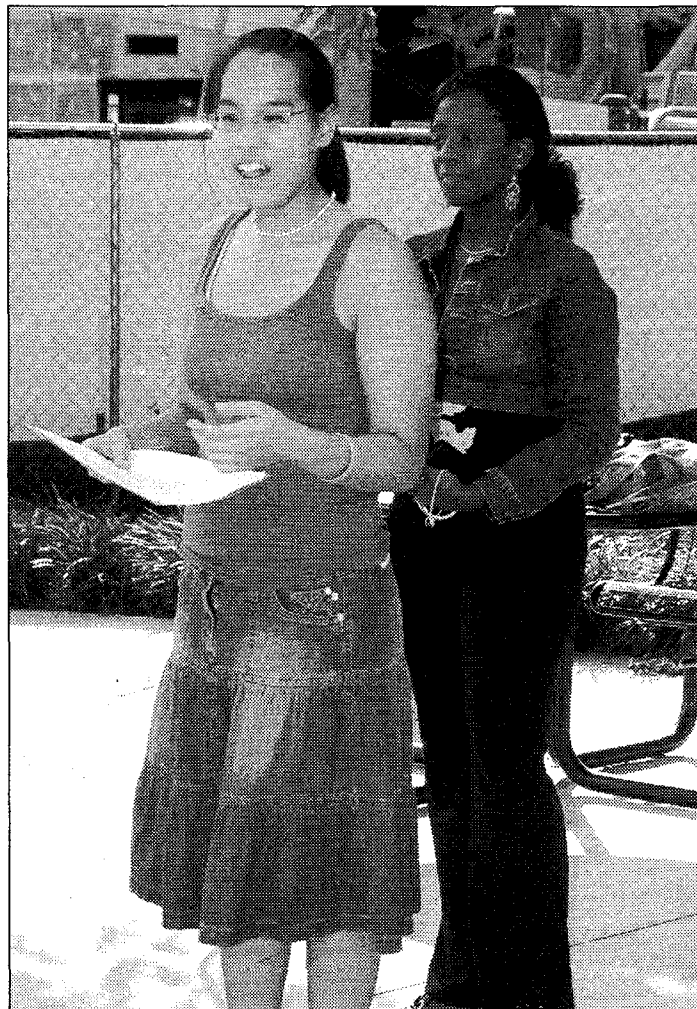


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ABOVE: Derrick Sham and Terry Morrow help plant pinwheels outside the Goodwin dorms. RIGHT: Ish Aberion sings her song, "The Prayer for Generosity" in English and "Panalangin Maging Bukas-Palad" in Tagalog.



Whirled Peace

International Day of Peace Sees First NSU Celebration

By Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Most of the time, pinwheels carry memories of childhood. On Sept. 21, they carried messages of peace.

NSU was one of the 2000 groups internationally who participated in the event last Thursday by writing messages on pinwheels and planting them around the peace pole outside the Goodwin dorms. Messages included things like "no pain, no tears, no war, no death," "peace and justice for everyone," and "peace is lovely, life is a celebration, war is unnecessary, living in harmony is a smooth melody of life."

"The whole idea is that they write their wish for world peace on [the pinwheel], so when they're planted, it's carried off on the breeze," said Robin Cooper, GA for Multicultural and Spiritual Affairs of the pinwheels, which

students cut out and pinned to pencils during Quad Thursday to plant later that day.

At 5 p.m., when Cooper, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development Terry Morrow and a small group of students gathered at the peace pole for the planting of pinwheels and the sharing of songs, poems and messages of peace. Among them was Ish Aberion, who sang "The Prayer for Generosity" in English, as well as "Panalangin Maging Bukas-Palad," the same song in Tagalog, the language of the Philippines. Other songs and poems included "Please Call Me By My True Names" by Thich Nat Hahn and "Take Me as I Am," sang by Marta Vargas.

"It's a very good beginning to more good things to come on this campus," said Vargas. "This is a beautiful new

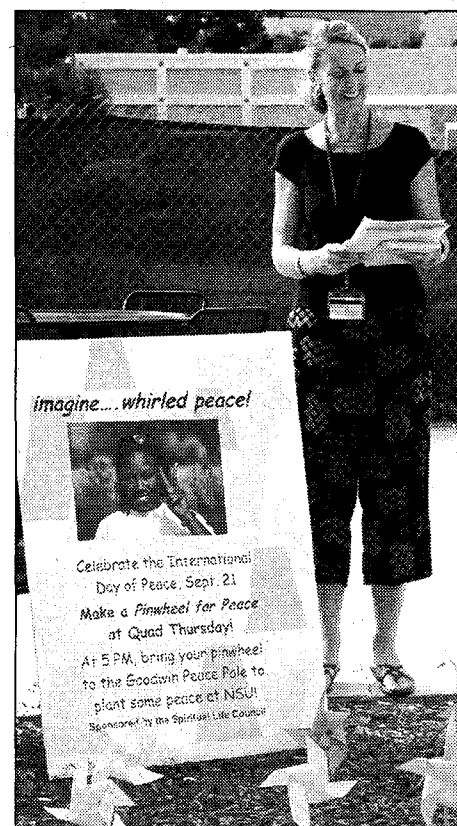
tradition."

The idea for "whirled peace" came from two Coconut Creek art teachers, who started the tradition last year. The idea spread internationally, and the Spiritual Life Council at NSU took up the project for this Peace Day.

"We had commuter students. We had students that live on campus come out. We had staff members," said Morrow. "I'm happy with the participation for our first year."

"I think the world would be a lot better place if people recognized our kinship to each other," said sophomore Eric Newton, who attended the event. "There's always a common ground."

RIGHT: Robin Cooper addresses the group on the International Day of Peace.



Culture on Skin:

Henna Tattoos on Campus

By Jany Cabezas
Staff Writer

In front of the Parker building the Indian Student Association gathered to create henna tattoos on Sept. 18 from 12 to 2 p.m. Playing lively cultural and Indian music, the club called out to students walking by. "We're trying to get our name out," said Diuya Sadhwani, the club's public speaker and vice president.

Henna tattoos are created in many different patterns and styles. "Most girls get intricate flowers, while guys get things like barbed wire" said Kush Shah, the president of the Association. A few students paid the three to five dollars for this temporary tattoo that has become famous at the beaches.

Freshman Jose Marrero said, "I just wanted to help" as the president of

ISA inked the nickname "Chino" onto his upper back. However, students did have an overall complaint, "I just wish they had some pictures to choose from, a bit more organization would help" said Marrero disappointedly.

A colored paste is used to create this style of art. Comprised of herbal elements, it is drawn directly onto the skin and lasts about two weeks from the

day it is done. "[Henna] must stay on for 15 to 20 minutes before removing so it can last," Sadhwani asserted. The longer it sits, the darker it becomes, changing from brown to orange by the end of the two weeks. The ISA agrees on one thing: "Henna tattoos aren't just 'picked

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Men's Soccer Team Beats Out Flagler College, Palm Beach Atlantic

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU men's soccer team (5-0-1, 1-0-0 SSC) triumphed over Flagler College, 2-0 this past Saturday, Sept. 16 on the muddy turf of the Sharks' home field.

Junior Jarod Rennick played unstoppable defense throughout the game with three top-notch saves, keeping the first half scoreless.

Well into the second half, freshman Michael Kammermeyer displayed some fancy foot work and registered the game winning goal in the 78th minute. Twelve minutes later senior Lorcan Cronin made sure of the Sharks win as he scored another goal with the unintentional help of Flagler's own defender.

"I'm having a great time on the field with my team, and as a forward I'm happy to be scoring a few goals," said Cronin.

With a recorded for goals for this 2006 fall season, Cronin was recently named the Sunshine State Co-offensive player for the week of Sept. 11. This is his first SSC player of the week award as a Shark.

On Sept. 18 the Sharks shut out the Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish, 4-0, to close the door on the Sharks' fifth straight win.

Cronin scored the first goal off a penalty kick in the first seven minutes of the game, giving the Sharks the lead, 1-0. Senior Joseph Clancy swept past each defender that came



Photo courtesy NSU Sports Information
Michael Kammermeyer of the men's soccer team kicks the soccer ball to a teammate.

through his path with a number of tricky moves to score and put his team up another goal, 2-0.

Freshman Michael Collins and Corey Sheriff registered their first goals of the season, slamming the door for the Sailfish.

"Winning breeds confidence, and currently we are winning, so our confidence levels have sky rocketed," explained Cronin.

Sixth Straight Victory for Women's Soccer

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

Severe rain caused a delay in the women's soccer game on Friday, Sept. 15; the game was rescheduled for the following Saturday morning when the women's soccer team emerged victorious.

The NSU women's soccer team (6-0-0) maintained their perfect record as they registered their sixth straight win against the University of New Haven Chargers, 4-1.

Sophomore Shurell Burton, who was recently named Sunshine State Conference Co-Offensive player of the week, recorded her 11th goal of the season in the 12th minute of the game. The Chargers tied the game 1-1.

Junior Jennifer Turner played an outstanding game defensively

as she surrendered herself by sliding in front of the sharply kicked ball at precisely the right time, keeping it from entering the bottom corner of the net.

Going into the second half the Chargers and Sharks were all tied up. In the 56th minute Freshman Kelly Diershow scored a crucial goal, putting NSU in the lead 2-1.

"Being able to help get my team ahead in any game, especially against a talented team, is extremely exciting," said Diershow after coming through for her teammates.

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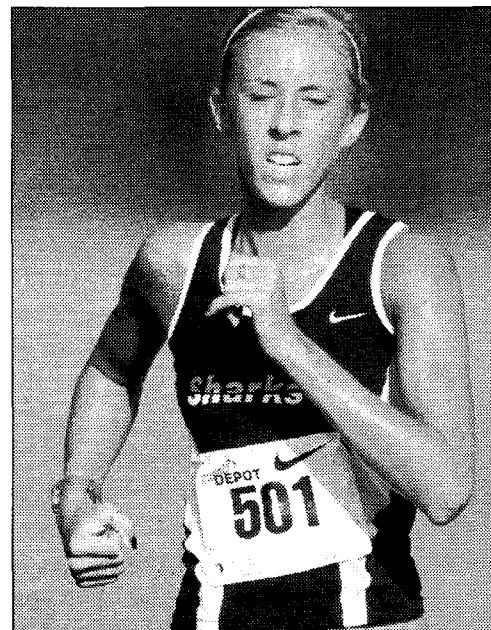


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HENNA

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"Most girls get intricate flowers, while guys get things like barbed wire"

up', it's culturally inherited," said Shah jokingly. And because of this cultural predisposition, it is used to spread the cultural aspects and effectively raise some cash.

"Not only are we trying to get our name out, but we're trying to raise money for funds for upcoming events held throughout campus," Sadhwani explained.

This is not the only time henna tattoos will be available. By November, bigger and greater projects will be taking place and students will have another chance to get one. A cultural show commemorating Diwali, a celebration of lights, will take place in November and Indian food will be served. Sadhwani made it clear that she wants participation from the students in future events like Diwali. "It will probably take place in the DeSantis building atrium with fun cultural dances, booths, and more Henna tattoos," she said. The entire Indian Student Association encourages and welcomes all students to attend this upcoming event.

Got a Question for Student Counseling?

Fire Away.

Q: My friend is pregnant and she's refusing to tell her boyfriend or her parents. She's not sure she's going to go through with the pregnancy. Doesn't her boyfriend have the right to know what's going on? How can I help her understand that she's making a huge mistake?

A: It's so painful when friends or family members make choices that we strongly feel are wrong. From the outside, the "right" course of action seems crystal clear, so it's hard to believe, and harder to accept, when people we love aren't open to our suggestions or advice.

Your friend's dilemma leaves you with a dilemma of your own. If your goal is to convince her to do what you believe is right, you may, if you push hard enough, succeed in getting her to follow your guidance. But then again, you may only succeed in undermining the friendship. Both your friend and your principles are important. Can you respect and hold onto both simultaneously?

If you were to shift your goal from "getting my friend to listen to reason" to "getting myself to listen to her," you might find it possible to give her the necessary support to figure out what to do on her own. And if you were able to do that, you could continue to know that if you were in a similar situation, you'd make radically different choices. Perhaps this is the mark of deep friendship—the ability to help someone we love to freely choose a course of action that we wouldn't choose ourselves.

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MONDAY

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Law School Workshop
6-7:30pm @ Parker 243

TUESDAY

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Spring Break in Italy Meeting
12-1pm @ Parker 204

SIFE Informational Luncheon
12pm @ Carl DeSantis 1048

Problem Solving with Pizza
7pm-9pm @ Goodwin Classroom

Darts Tournament
8pm @ Flight Deck

WEDNESDAY

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Student Government Meeting
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Goodwin Class

Sharkestra Open Auditions
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mailman Auditorium, 2nd Floor

THURSDAY

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Quad Thursday
11:30-1pm @ Library Quad

OKTOBERFEST
9pm @ Flight Deck

FRIDAY

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Venture around, maybe you'll find something. If not, have a great weekend.

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Pre-Med Injection Workshop
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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NFL Sunday Ticket
Sunday, 1 p.m. Flight Deck

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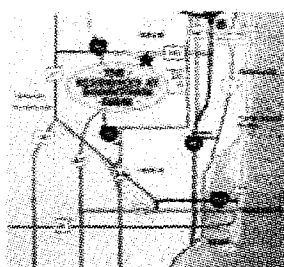
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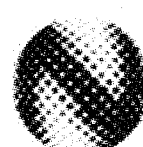
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Movie Review

The Protector

Vengeance knows no bounds

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

When I saw the preview for The Protector in theatres and on television, I assumed that the plot would be like that of star Tony Jaa's last martial arts film: an angry man from a small village wants revenge on an organization for taking advantage of the locals. The preview was edited in a way that would make it seem that way, in fact. I was thoroughly surprised when the plot revealed that Kham (Tony Jaa) sought revenge over stolen elephants rather than his father, who was shot in the stomach and miraculously survived.

That was the biggest gripe I had with Jaa's latest film: the storyline was quite awkward and at times, completely cheesy. Theater patrons had to understand that in Thailand, elephants are considered sacred and that many families have elephants as part of their family. The first mistake was that this was not explained in detail at the beginning of the film, but only at the end. There is a flashback to Kham's childhood spent with Por Yai, his elephant and his best friend, that shows how important elephants are, but the previews completely ignores the elephant element of the plot.

After the smugglers steal Kham's two elephants is when the film becomes interesting and the intense martial arts begins.

What is best known about Tony Jaa and his previous flick, Ong-Bak, is

how realistic and well-executed the fight scenes are. The Protector never shies away from that intensity and even goes beyond it. I have seen enough action movies to know when a crushing blow to the face should look painful, but The Protector literally had me squirming in my seat, feeling the pain, and feeling sorry for those who stood in the way of Kham and his quest to save his elephant friends from becoming food in a black market.

While the action is strongly reminiscent of Jackie Chan films in one sense, this film stands out because of its sheer realism and brutality. If Kham performs a back-flip, roundhouse kick to an enemy, the vicious connection between his foot and the enemy's neck is unmistakable. Unlike other action flicks that play with the camera angles to give the illusion of punching and kicking, The Protector is unforgiving. The stuntmen were either handsomely rewarded for their roles or were provided with really good health insurance. Did I mention that no floor pads or stunt wires were used in this film?

Although Tony Jaa is relatively new to the big screen, he quickly made a name for himself with his insane muay thai skills. Jaa choreographed the action sequences along with another expert and the result is extremely impressive. I'm sure my jaw dropped on several

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Book Review

Marvel Zombies – A Delicious Read

By Michael Bergbauer
Current Affairs Editor

Rating: 4/5

Imagine if you will a world in which the human populace is overrun with ravenous, flesh eating zombies. George A. Romero has removed much of the difficulty from this exercise. However, imagine that these are no ordinary zombies, but the super-humans with amazing powers we know as the heroes of Marvel Comics.

This is what Marvel Zombies is all about. This mini-series is actually a spin-off from an Ultimate Fantastic Four story arc in which Reed Richards discovers an alternate universe where a virus from space has turned the majority of Earth's population into zombies. Richards is returned to his dimension by Magneto, the supposed last uninfected superhuman, who stays behind to destroy the trans-dimensional teleporter – thus trapping the zombies in one dimension. After Magneto's destruction of the teleporter is where Marvel Zombies begins. Greatly

weakened from his efforts, Magneto fights off zombies like Spider-Man, Thor, Captain America, Hulk and many others, but can only hold out for so long. After eating the supposed last man on Earth, what will the zombies do now?

In this vein, Marvel Zombies does something untraditional: a story from the zombies' perspective. In order to do this, writer Robert Kirkman (known for his Walking Dead series) makes the zombies retain nearly all of their character traits and intelligence. They'd be almost human if it weren't for their maddening hunger for living flesh and decaying bodies. It makes for an excellent tale that really "picks the brains" of the main characters as they reflect on their condition; and it also looks into zombie society (The only crime these heroes punish nowadays is not sharing the food!) There is also tons of morbid humor and gory zombie moments.

That said, this is a gory book, so the squeamish should turn away. The art done by Sean Phillips has a dark

and grubby look to it that suits the mood of the story. However, it seems to take the easy way out with a simple zombie design (just white eyes and bad teeth) and a lot of over-shading, obscuring the details. But a lot of the action is nicely done and just about every Marvel character makes an appearance, which is very cool although a bit befuddling in some cases (zombie-Ghost Rider and zombie-Vision?). Contrastingly, the covers for the series (all collected in this book) by Arthur Suydam are highly detailed and are well done masterpieces that parody a lot of old covers from popular Marvel titles like Spider-Man #1 and Secret Wars.

So if you've ever wondered what would happen to the world if its most



Art by Sean Phillips
Zombie Captain America is displeased with his new haircut.

powerful heroes became rampaging zombies, check this out. The art isn't too great, but zombie or Marvel fans alone will get a real kick out of it.

Album Review

You'll be talking about Girl Talk

By Stefani Rubino
A&E Editor

As far as turntable-ism, hip-hop, and indie-electronic music goes, I'm not sure if it gets any better than Girl Talk. Pittsburgh native Greg Gillis viscerously and harmoniously brings us his second album, *Night Ripper* and that's exactly what he does—he "rips it up."

This album shows that you can't beat a man with an extensive knowledge of music and his turntables. On *Night Ripper*, Gillis samples everything (and I mean everything) from southern rap to Elton John. With songs that combine shredding guitars with hip-hop beats and even some doo-wop, Gillis proves that

you don't have to have one genre when you can have them all.

The album starts out with a mostly hip-hop oriented track called "Once Again", which includes samples from the Ying-Yang Twins, Ludacris, and the Verve's "Bittersweet Symphony." It seems like an unlikely combination for a song that's very obviously meant to be danced to, but the samples work wonderfully together and with about seventeen other samples, all engineered to fit the song perfectly.

In "Hold Up," Gillis takes instrumentals from the Pixie's hit "Where is My Mind?" and mixes it

underneath electronic beats and 50 Cent's famous lyric "Go, Go Shorty." He even takes D4L's "Laffy Taffy" and puts it over instrumentals from popular band The Strokes. All the while, the whole song makes sense and it's easy to follow along.

Still not convinced? The twelfth track on the album is the most intense song and sampling on the album and is my personal favorite. A track very appropriately named "Bounce That" combines Purple Ribbon All-Stars with lots of disco instrumentals, Britney Spears, and even some Journey. It's guaranteed to keep you moving, or at

least wanting to hear more.

One of the best things that Gillis does is not revealing what samples are in each song. He's careful to keep each song at a limit and slowly eases the listeners into more and more carefully constructed mash-ups that you won't want to stop listening to.

However, be careful not to try and name every song sampled in each of Gillis' tracks, it will just give you a big headache and you'll probably be upset because you won't succeed. The best thing to do is to relax and listen, and revel in the amount of samples there are.

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occasions with the stunts Jaa was able to pull. The scenes that close the movie are worth the price of admission alone.

The second complaint I have with *The Protector* is that Jaa's character has practically no other lines of dialogue besides "Where is my elephant?" and "Where the hell is my elephant?" (and those are spoken in Thai). But I guess that actions speak louder than words, right? I know in this case they hurt more, at least. To make up for this lack, *The Protector* reintroduces actors from *Ong-Bak*. The comedic Petchai Wongkamlao, who played Ting's (Jaa) friend in *Ong-Bak*, returns as a cop that ends up helping Kham in his adventure. Sergeant Mark has more lines than Kham and they are hilarious to boot. Other characters are kind of shallow and one-dimensional, but that is easily overlooked.

Apart from the cheesy elephant scenes and sometimes thin acting, *The Protector* will not disappoint those craving intense action scenes and bone-crushing blows.

Starring: Tony Jaa,
Petchai Wongkamlao,
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Men's Soccer Team Beats Out Flagler College, Palm Beach Atlantic

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

NSU men's soccer team (5-0-1, 1-0-0 SSC) triumphed over Flagler College, 2-0 this past Saturday, Sept. 16 on the muddy turf of the Sharks' home field.

Junior Jarod Rennick played unstoppable defense throughout the game with three top-notch saves, keeping the first half scoreless.

Well into the second half, freshman Michael Kammermeyer displayed some fancy foot work and registered the game winning goal in the 78th minute. Twelve minutes later senior Lorcan Cronin made sure of the Sharks win as he scored another goal with the unintentional help of Flagler's own defender.

"I'm having a great time on the field with my team, and as a forward I'm happy to be scoring a few goals," said Cronin.

With a recorded for goals for this 2006 fall season, Cronin was recently named the Sunshine State Co-offensive player for the week of Sept. 11. This is his first SSC player of the week award as a Shark.

On Sept. 18 the Sharks shut out the Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish, 4-0, to close the door on the Sharks' fifth straight win.

Cronin scored the first goal off a penalty kick in the first seven minutes of the game, giving the Sharks the lead, 1-0. Senior Joseph Clancy swept past each defender that came



Photo courtesy NSU Sports Information
Michael Kammermeyer of the men's soccer team kicks the soccer ball to a teammate.

through his path with a number of tricky moves to score and put his team up another goal, 2-0.

Freshman Michael Collins and Corey Sheriff registered their first goals of the season, slamming the door for the Sailfish.

"Winning breeds confidence, and currently we are winning, so our confidence levels have sky rocketed," explained Cronin.

Sixth Straight Victory for Women's Soccer

By Nelly Mesa
Staff Writer

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Sophomore Shurell Burton, who was recently named Sunshine State Conference Co-Offensive player of the week, recorded her 11th goal of the season in the 12th minute of the game. The Chargers tied the game 1-1.

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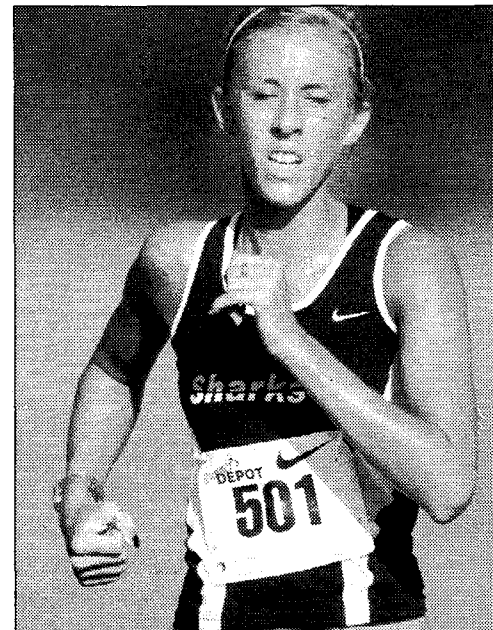


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Bethany Brenkus pushes herself to the finish. Brenkus sets a personal best and a school record.

NSU's Sports Stats

Gator Invitational- September 16

Women's Cross Country

	Total Points
8 Jacksonville University	211
Total Time: 1:37:11.00	
Average: 19:26.20	
9 Florida Southern College	235
Total Time: 1:38:55.39	
Average: 19:47.08	
10 Nova Southeastern Univer	331
Total Time: 1:41:21.58	
Average: 20:16.32	
11 Florida Gulf Coast Univer	346
Total Time: 1:42:32.87	
Average: 20:30.58	
12 Palm Beach Atlantic Unive	351
Total Time: 1:44:16.36	
Average: 20:51.28	

Men's Cross Country

	Total points
10 Florida A&M University	236
Total Time: 2:16:32.67	
Average: 27:18.54	
11 Warner Southern College	238
Total Time: 2:14:30.81	
Average: 26:54.17	
12 Florida Gulf Coast Univer	333
Total Time: 2:19:32.30	
Average: 27:54.46	
13 Nova Southeastern Univer	344
Total Time: 2:20:50.54	

Men's Soccer

SSC MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Lynn	1	0	0	3	2	0	6	0	0	1.000	15	1
NSU	1	0	0	3	2	1	5	1	0	.833	13	5
Florida Southern	1	0	0	3	2	1	2	3	1	.417	7	7
Barry	1	1	0	3	3	5	6	1	0	.857	21	9
Tampa	1	1	0	3	5	2	5	3	0	.625	19	14
Rollins	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	.857	37	9
Saint Leo	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	4	0	.500	20	14
Eckerd	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	1	.417	8	9
Florida Tech	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	4	1	.250	20	14

Teams receive 3 points for an SSC win and 1 point for an SSC tie.

Women's Soccer

SSC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

	SSC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Tampa	2	0	0	6	8	2	6	1	0	.857	23	6
Saint Leo	2	1	0	6	8	3	6	1	1	.813	17	3
Rollins	1	0	0	3	2	0	6	2	0	.750	25	11
Florida Tech	0	0	2	2	1	1	4	2	3	.611	18	7
Barry	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	2	.250	5	19
Eckerd	0	1	1	1	1	6	1	5	1	.214	3	14
NSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1.000	26	2
Lynn	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	.500	11	12
Florida Southern	0	3	0	0	2	10	2	6	0	.250	8	19

Volleyball

SSC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Florida Southern	3	0	1.000	13	2	.867
Tampa	2	0	1.000	14	0	1.000
Rollins	2	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Lynn	1	1	.500	4	5	.444
Barry	1	2	.333	6	4	.600
Saint Leo	0	1	.000	9	3	.750
Eckerd	0	1	.000	9	4	.692
NSU	0	2	.000	6	8	.429
Florida Tech	0	2	.000	2	12	.143

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three-on-three basketball, golf tournaments, badminton doubles, racquetball singles, four-on-four flag football, ultimate Frisbee, and wallyball.

Every sport that is offered has a season. Each league plays a four to five week regular season. The top teams advance to a single-elimination tournament, and teams that are knocked out in the first elimination are removed from the tournament. At the end of the eliminations, a team is crowned champion. Each of the games are played Monday through Thursday between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Teams are registered online and must sign up 2 weeks in advance of the program. Registration requires information about team and its members. The team fees for each of the leagues are \$40 per team and \$15 per team for tournaments.

Individuals that want to join a team but cannot find anyone to play with will be assisted by the Campus Recreation Center. They will post information on their online free agent list and the CRC will try to assign a team. People on the free agent list are not guaranteed to find a team to play on, however.

For more information about intramural sports visit www.rec.nova.edu or contact Todd Jackson, the Assistant Director of Recreation.

The goal of the intramural sports program is to get participants to have fun. People of all skill levels are encouraged to come out and join a team.

Upcoming Games

Tuesday - September 26, 2006

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Alisha VanHoose
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

School spirit is a good thing, and plenty of people are happy that everyone knows we're the Sharks now, but sometimes there comes a point when the whole thing gets just a bit silly.

Like how we named things now. Admittedly, things like Mr. Fintastic are clever, punny, and generally cute. Sharkapalooza, as names go, was borderline ... but maybe that's just me, as I was rather fond of Got Wood? and I miss it.

There are a lot of good shark names where the pun is appreciated, like Shark Bytes and ... um ... shark other things. There are others that only wish they could claim pun-hood. Or even good-shark-namehood.

What I'm getting at here is the Sharkestra. Or is that Sharchestra? Either way, it's over the top.

I mean, orchestras are great, pep bands are fun, and music makes me happy. But a Sharkestra? Next thing you know, we'll be having Finvocation, Sharkmencement, and Homeswimming. (Note to anyone who has a hand in naming these things: this is not a suggestion. Convocation, commencement and homecoming are just fine the way they are.)

I don't mean to pick on the Sharkestra, really. This is more a preventative measure. Or at least I'm hoping so.

School spirit looks like it's on the rise (at least among undergrads; I haven't had much occasion to observe grad students doing spirited things), and the mascot is definitely more visible now than when I started here. Those are positive things that I feel help to unite the campus and establish a feeling of community.

However, there is such a thing as too much of a good thing, as we all know. I just don't want to see NSU renaming things that don't need to be renamed, giving shark names to things that don't necessarily need them, or casting aside our old traditions in the process of creating new ones.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

A Fly on the Wall:

Night Terrors

By Paul Saneaux
Managing Editor

Hey, students. Why did you guys not attend the last SGA Senate meeting to show support for or bash the Compensation Bill that was on the table for approval? Did you have class or some other prior engagement that prevented your attendance? Did you care? I guess not. But do not fret, however, the bill was postponed for another meeting and students that

intended to show will get another chance.

I do want to thank the students that did show up (the handful of them anyway). For everyone else, I will provide the skinny on what happened that fateful Wednesday.

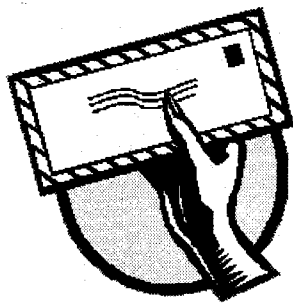
Residential Senator Etta Mills once again presented the bill that was tabled twice before because details about the bill were uncertain. This time around I was sure that a decision would be reached, and I



was sure that the senators would have decided what they (and their constituents wanted), but as it turned out, the details behind this frustrating piece of sh... I mean, legislation were still too obscure.

The first two times the

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Letter from a Reader

Government was paid from the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. While the numbers quoted in the previous letter to the editor regarding the amount currently considered for compensation, which are the same as last year, are correct, the student's statement regarding an amount of \$10,000 provided by Dean Williams is incorrect. Additionally, his assertion that this money was then taken away by the Dean Williams, Director Weech and myself is incorrect.

While the University has thirteen Student Governments, representing the various colleges and schools, the Undergraduate Student Government has been the only one which has not received their stipends out of their own budget. Last year, in an effort to ensure consistency and fairness across the board, The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development made the decision to have the Undergraduate SGA join the other SGAs in being self governing bodies with a budget that is used to fund all aspects of their work - including their stipends. This policy is consistent with other SGAs nationwide.

We honor those individuals who step up to lead their peers through the Student Government Association, make tough decisions regarding student organization funds allocation, and spend many hours per weeks in student government meetings, constituency meetings, event planning "pow wows", and office hours in addition to the time spent researching and writing

legislation. Their hard work does not go unnoticed and I believe there is value in compensating these leaders. At the same time, student organizations are the backbone of campus life at any institution and I believe in the importance of funding their ideas and supporting their events. It is not our intent to decrease the amount of funding for these organizations.

In our decision to transition the Undergraduate Student Government Association into an era in which they are entirely self-sufficient, we made the decision to ensure that the amount of money available for allocation to undergraduate student organizations would remain constant. Currently, the Undergraduate Student Government and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development are working collaboratively at a few different options for a mutually satisfying solution.

Again, I appreciate the proactiveness and passion for justice and campus community displayed by the student who brought this issue to light. It is important that each of us take responsibility for the communities in which we live by researching issues that concern us. It is through dialogue, challenging one another's views and seeking to genuinely hear one another's perspective, that truth is brought to the forefront.

Terry Morrow
Assitant Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development

This letter is response to the one written in the previous edition of The Current by a concerned student. Let me first say that I commend this individual for stepping up and addressing a perceived injustice. It is the responsibility of each of us, when we perceive unfairness, disrespect, or any other actions or attitudes that concern us, to speak up and shine a light on the issue or issues. He has done just that and I honor his commitment to the campus community and proactive response.

At the same time, it is important that information is complete and not based on speculation. We all have perspectives, based on our limited knowledge, and it is through dialogue and questioning that we begin to understand the big picture. I recognize that questions were asked, but it is clear that there are some holes in the completeness of the information gained. As the Undergraduate Student Government Advisor and advocate for student voice and student involvement in decision-making on this campus, it is important that students gain a more complete perspective on the issue.

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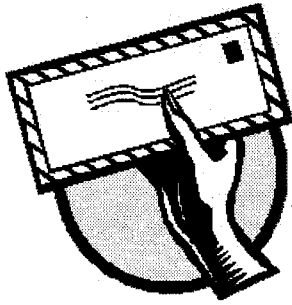
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The Undergraduate Student Government recognizes at times hot topics of debate. Currently, legislation is up for debating regarding compensation for members within the student government. While nothing has been set in stone, the student government welcomes any student

to speak on the matter as we have always encouraged any legislation. We also encourage the students to ask their senators about the student government and to voice their opinion regarding their time here at Nova Southeastern University. Every senator and executive board member within the student government is accessible by visiting our website <http://nsusga.nova.edu> there you can email or call your representatives.

The undergraduate student government strives to create a more dynamic and diverse campus while promoting and protecting the rights of the undergraduate students. We also encourage unity among the students by advancing the academic and social life by providing a form of government for the students by the students.

Sean Burke
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"...this horrid bill will return eventually"

bill was presented and tabled, the senate was not really concentrating on how it was not a good idea to remove about \$18,800 to pay themselves from a budget that is reserved solely for student organizations. They were fussing more over the details of how the money would be allocated. Two weeks ago, the senate came so close to a decision I almost raised my hand to vote as well, the suspense was so engulfing. Or maybe I just wanted to get out of that room. Who knows?

The situation changed at last week's meeting, however. The office of Student Affairs and Leadership Development has agreed to give the SGA a surplus up to \$17,000 (\$8,500 per semester) for compensation according to how well they complete a set number of goals. I spoke to several senators before the meeting and inquired about these goals, but they told me no one heard of these goals yet. At the meeting they were revealed by the executive board for the first time. There were seven hypothetical goals: 1) fill all positions in the SGA; 2) find a campus entertainment director; 3) host a student leader meet and greet; 4) make at least one amendment to the IOC budget guidelines; 5) update the SGA website and bulletin board in the Parker building; 6) hold a commencement forum; and 7) clean the SGA office.

The moment these goals were announced, I saw faces of confusion amongst senators and students alike. I was bewildered as well. Why? Because most of these goals will not even go to serve the students. As I understand, the ultimate goal of the SGA is to serve the students. Well, the proposed goals were more like objectives toward some goal, but not one that fully served the students. Since I was so strongly assured by one *certain* member of the executive board right before the meeting that these objectives were going to be easy to fulfill and in fact were already partially completed, I thought the real goal was just to get the bill out of the way and get paid. I understand that these goals were the result of a simple brainstorm by the executive board, but the goals did seem to cover what the SGA is already obligated to do. Fill all positions in the SGA and clean the office? Come on, those are things that should be done

anyway. And as far as I know, the commencement forum was in its planning stages before this bill even existed. It seems like the forum was just transferred to a label of "goal" in order to easily strike one down.

During discussion, SGA Advisor Terry Morrow further explained the several reasons behind why the administration is not simply handing over the compensation money to the SGA this year. While SALD is not looking to decrease the SGA's budget, she said SALD is looking for the SGA to be self-sufficient and that the bill only marks a change of ownership in the process. Other reasons included that this SGA, as opposed to others, has the largest budget and was the only one that had its compensation paid for by the administration. Ibrahim stated an interesting fact from the ASGA: 71% of the nation's SGAs pay themselves from their own budget.

How was the voting process, you ask? Here is the play-by-play: (big breath) Commuter Senator Rob Keever started the game with a motion to deny the bill but the motion died (meaning no one seconded it) and after that, International Senator Akshat Bhargava intercepted and moved to approve the bill- this motion also died, resulting in Keever making another dead motion to postpone the bill until the goals were refined which was alley-ooped to Commuter Senator Sara Gama, who made the same motion, finally gaining enough support to pass the motion with only Bhargava as opposition.

Somewhere between the second and third motion, Director of Student Engagement Katie Blanco criticized the goals and made it clear that they were not aimed toward serving the students. She set up what would become the reason for postponing the bill. The senators agreed, with the exception of Bhargava, that the goals needed review by the students and SALD before they were accepted as official.

There is one final note: the total amount of the bill was reduced to \$17,000 after the senators agreed to strike out summer compensation for the executive board.

I warn you, dear reader, this horrid bill will return eventually. In the meantime, we can only sit in unbearable anticipation and hope the nightmares don't return.

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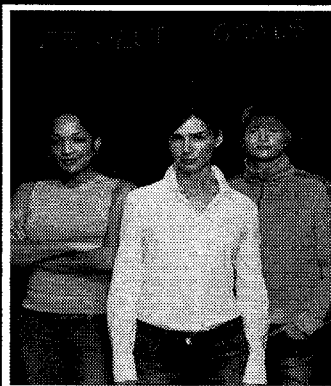
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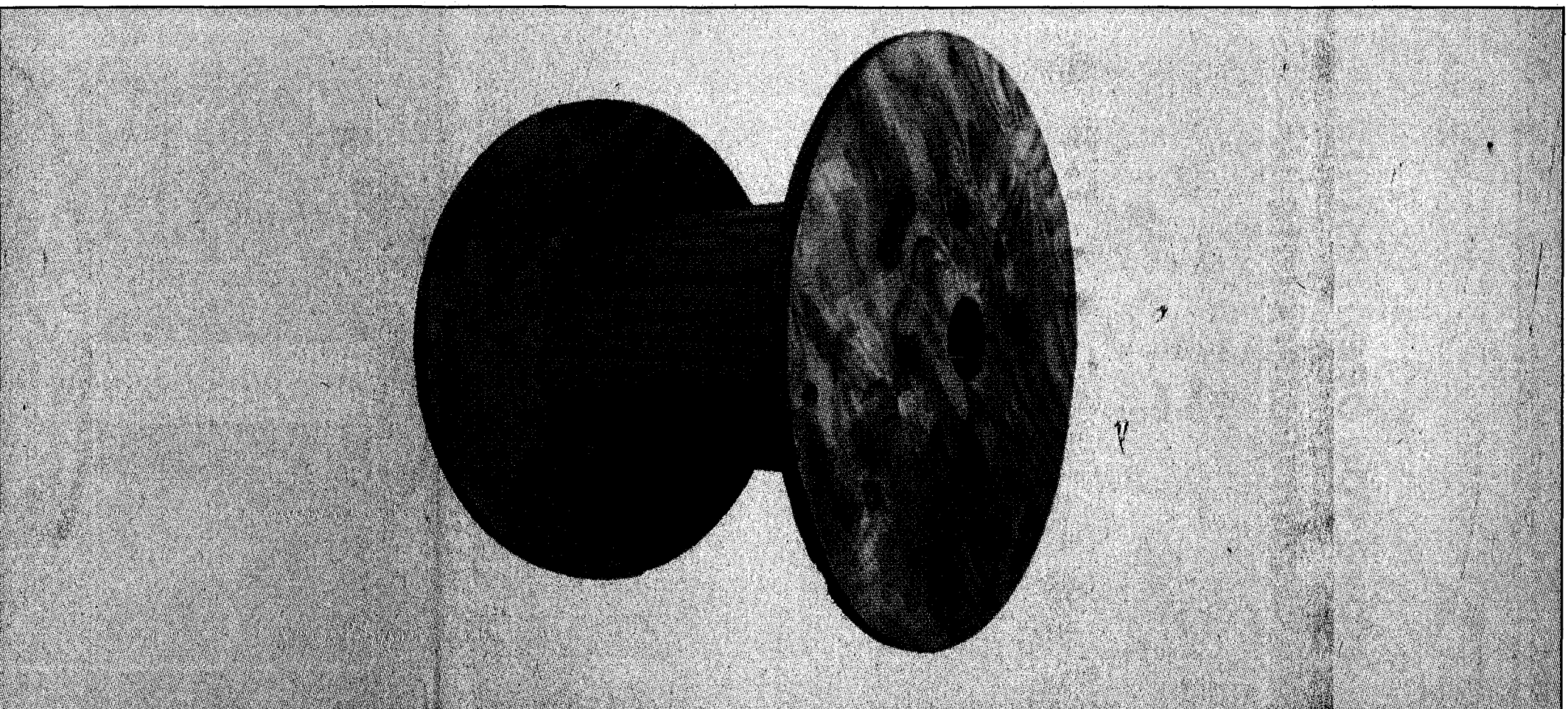
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